requirements of academic credits required for a mortuary science program-before applying for a license; reducing the number of times that an apprentice license may be renewed; repealing a provision that specifies certain educational requirements for an applicant for an apprentice license; requiring that, prior to an individual appearing before the State Board of Morticians for approval of an apprentice license, certain education requirements be completed; altering a provision that restricts the number of years that an applicant for a mortician license may serve as a licensed apprentice; providing a certain ground for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or the reprimand of a licensee; authorizing the Board, the Attorney General, or a State's Attorney to bring a certain action to enjoin certain activities; requiring that a certain action be brought in a certain county; requiring sellers of pre-need contracts to annually have the seller's accounts certified by certain public accountants; requiring that sellers of pre-need contracts submit to the Board a certain certificate by a certain date; requiring that, after cremation, a licensee ensure that a plastic identification tag be placed in a certain container; reducing the amount of time an apprentice must work and the number of embalmings and funerals an apprentice must assist with or participate in; reducing the number of years amount of time that an applicant for a mortician license may spend as an apprentice; and generally relating to an apprentice license to assist in the practice of mortuary science licensed morticians.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article Health Occupations

Section 7-306(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994-Replacement-Volume and 1996-Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 7-303(b) 7-303(b)(2), 7-306(e) 7-306(e) and (d)(3) 7-306, and 7-314(e), 7-316(a)(29) and (30), and 7-411(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 7-316(a)(31); and 7-316.1; and 7-405(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

7 - 303.

(b) The Board shall examine all applications for licensure for the practice of mortuary science and shall issue the mortician license to any person who: